

## **Eugene F. Decareau 2<sup>nd</sup> Charter 1947-2009**

**Seven Selectmen for 3 year staggered terms.**

**Vice Chairman will be a member of the School Committee**

**No member may serve more than 3 consecutive terms**

**Five member licensing board elected for 3 year staggered terms with no member serving more than 3 consecutive terms**

**Selectmen are the policy making Board**

**The Town Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a 5 year term. A committee consisting of the Town Moderator, one Finance Committee member selected by vote of the Finance Committee, the Superintendent of Schools with approval of the School Committee, one Selectman and one citizen appointed by the Selectmen shall present to the Selectmen no less than three candidates chosen from the applicants after a background review and interview by the committee. The Town Manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the town and be responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the administration of all town affairs placed in his/her charge by or under the charter.**

**The Town Manager shall execute a bond in favor of the town.**

**The Town Manager may be removed by a simple majority vote of 4-3.**

**The Town Manager need not be a resident of the Town or Commonwealth when appointed but shall be a resident of the Town during term of office.**

**The Town meeting shall have 5 members from each precinct. No town employee may serve on Town Meeting. Each member serves a 3 year staggered term. No member may serve more than 3 consecutive terms.**

**The School Committee shall consist of 5 elected members for 3 year staggered terms plus Vice Chairmen of Selectmen and Town Moderator.**

**The Finance Committee shall be elected, with top vote getter a chairperson, to a 3 year staggered term. No member may serve more than 3 consecutive terms. The committee shall hire their own auditor.**

**The town budget shall be presented to the Finance Committee for review no less than 21 days prior to the committee meeting to vote on it, and recommend to the Town Meeting. The School Committee must also submit their budget in the same time frame.**

**The Budget Committee for the Town and School Department shall consist of seven members; the Town Manager, Town Accountant, Town Moderator, one member of the Finance Committee, one Selectman, Superintendent of Schools, and one member of the School Committee.**

**Elections will be held the first Saturday of April, except for special elections that will be held as needed. Recommend voting take place in one location such as the Senior Center, saving the town a substantial cost.**